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Nebraska Health & Human Services NEBRASKA WIC PROGRAM

<u>Procedure Title</u>: Minimum Federal Requirements for Data Collection

and Reporting

Purpose

Describe data elements that must be collected on a routine basis for periodic reporting to USDA

Submitting Required Records

The State Agency and local agencies must maintain complete records concerning WIC Program Operations. Records are to be submitted to USDA-FNS as specified.

- A summary of the results of the monitoring of high risk and representative food vendors and of the review of food instruments are to be submitted annually to USDA-FNS at the conclusion of each fiscal year.
 - a. The State Agency submits The Integrity Profile, (TIP), which summaries the fiscal year's activities of the vendor management component of the WIC Program.
- 2. Financial and participation reports are to be submitted by the state agency to USDA-FNS on a monthly basis.
 - a. Minimum information must include but may not be limited to: actual and projected participation; actual and projected food funds expenditures; a listing by source year of food and NSA funds available for expenditure and NSA expenditures and unliquidated obligations.
 - b. Participation will be counted by information collected from the WIC computer system and will provide a breakdown showing the number of fully and partially breastfed infants served by the program.
- 3. Food expenditures are collected from the WIC computer system through the issuance of food instruments to participants.
- 4. Racial and ethnic participation data will be entered into and collected form the WIC computer system
- 5. Local agencies are required to report to the State agency administrative and program services expenditures on a monthly basis

Minimum Data Set Collection and Submission

The State Agency must maintain and routinely submit the minimum data set to USDA-FNS.

 Minimum data to be collected and submitted include the following: FNS 10-Digit ID Code, Local Agency ID, Case ID, Date of Birth, Race/Ethnicity, Certification Category, Expected Date of Delivery/Weeks Gestation, Date of Certification, Sex, Priority Level, Participation in ADC/Medicaid/Food Stamps, Migrant Status, Number in Family/Economic Unit, Family/Economic Unit Income, Nutritional

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Risks Present at Certification, Hemoglobin/Hematocrit, Weight, Height, and Date of Weight/Height Measure, currently breastfed, ever breastfed, length of time breastfed, date breastfed data collected, and food packages.

2. The State Agency fulfills the requirement for the minimum data set through the submission of the Participant Characteristics (PC) data set.

Report Documentation

For audit purposes, all financial and program reports maintained and submitted by the State and local agencies must be traceable to source documentation.

Participation in USDA Studies.

State and local agencies are required by law to cooperate with FNS in completing authorized studies.